

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

The new clone of about 2.2 kB, deposited with Collection Nationale De Cultures Microorganismes (CNCM), Institut Pasteur, 28, rue de Dr. Roux, 75724 Paris Cedex 15, France, on July 16, 2001, under accession number I-2706, was sequenced (SEQ ID NO:1) and its deduced amino acid sequence determined (SEQ ID NO:2).